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London House, and bought direct from the most
reliable Shippers, are imported in bulk and bottled
by ourselves, thus insuring us to supply the best
quality of wine at moderate prices.In the morning it is only necessary to state
the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
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their sovereign with enthusiasm, pride, and

pleasure. They gave him of their best, and

entertained him in right princely fashion.

At every port at which the Casarwicz

touched he was received by the Chinese with

respect and without ostentation. This is no doubt

an advance for China, and the fact is made

rather more of it by the fact that the

morning correspond-
ent of our Shanghaiproprio. He writes: "The most instruc-
tive and valuable lesson of the whole visitis the difference in the mental attitude of
the natives at the time of the Queen'sJubilee four years ago, and the visit of the
Grand Duke later on, and last night."Perfect friendliness has taken the place of
roughness and stone-throwing. The differ-ence most undoubtedly is due to the action
of the officials. The eyes of the public in"always fixed on the face of the mandarin;
an almost imperceptible tremor of his eyelidgives his subordinates the cue for action.
"On this occasion the signs of respectfulreception were given most unequivocally;
"popular report at last recognized the factof the presence of a prince of sovereign rank
by bruiting it about that the Viceroy had"telegraphed to the Tsung-li Yamen to know
what he was to do to refer to himself"in addressing the Casarwicz. He could
"scarcely style himself 'Your vassal,' and"yet his visitor was of imperial rank. With
"the truth of the report we have nothing todo, the possibility and fact of the report is
"the emphatic point. It was a foreignprince, not a foreign devil who received the
"Viceroy and partook of his hospitality in"return. At the Viceroy's banquet an im-
"perial chair decked with yellow and borne"by eight men was prepared for the Casar-
"wicz, whilst Prince Gong's of course"probably as visiting, less officially, had only
"a green chair with four bearers. A few"more such lessons, learnt at a convenient
"distance of time after a war, will do a vast"deal to draw out the diplomats but the
"people of China into the comity of

"nations, and to prevent causes of war in the

"future."

The writer, we think, rather exaggerates

the importance to be attached to the reception

accorded to the Casarwicz. It is of course

satisfactory to learn that the young Prince

was neither stoned nor spat upon by the

populace nor insulted by the man-
darins, but surely no one ever expected

that such would be the case. The Chinese

Government know that he must be

received with the respect due to the

heir of one of the most powerful empires
in the world, the great northern neighbourof China, and that it would be in the last
degree perilous to provoke reprisals by treat-
ing slight upon so distinguished a visitor.

The mandate went forth therefore that every

possible respect should be shown to the

Prince wherever he landed, and these in-
structions had to be obeyed. Had anyViceroy failed to preserve order in his pro-
vince during the Casarwicz's visit he would

certainly have suffered degradation, possibly

lost his life. There is consequently no room

for astonishment that things passed off

pleasantly at Canton, Nanking, Kiuchang,
Hankow, and Haoyang. On the other hand

there is no scope for congratulation of the

Chinese Government, no cause to rejoice at

any special improvement in the Celestial

democracy towards Western people. The

entertainment offered to the Casarwicz were

not by any means lavish, and at Nanking,
officially the most important place he visited,

the civilities were confined to a ceremonial

call paid him by the Viceroy, which the

Prince returned on board a Chinese man-of-
war lying in the river. The Viceroy at

Canton and Hankow certainly did offer him

Imperial Highness, hospitality, and the

Viceroy of the Min-chow was prepared to en-
tertain him at Foochow had he visited the

Banyan City, but let it not be forgotten

that Peking was tacitly forbidden to the

Prince, and that he left China with-
out seeing any member of the Imperial

family, and without being recognised

as worthy to associate on terms of

equality with the Emperor. How different

will be his reception in Japan. In every

city and town he visits he will be welcomed

as the guest of the Mikado, and at Tokyo he

will be received by the monarch himself as

an equal, accorded every possible attention,

and treated as he would be treated in any

other civilised country. The Prince cannot

fail, in his subsequent reflections on reach-
ing home, to contrast the reception he re-
ceived in the two great countries of the Far

East, and the comparison will assuredly not

work to the advantage of China. Mean-
while the Siberian Railway is being slowly

and swiftly laid, the great lever by which

Russia no doubt hopes to be enabled to ma-
ture her schemes for aggression in

Eastern Asia, and with the aid of which

she may prove the means of breaking up

the Chinese empire. Always provided, of

course, that China by her policy of super-
cilious contempt towards Western Powers

has completely isolated herself—as is the

case at this moment—from all outside sym-
pathy and support.The United States gunboat Palo, Lieut. Com-
mander Hamilton, arrived here yesterday

morning from Anoy.

R.M.S. Leander, Captain Borge Watson, the

Steam, Captain W. B. Hall and Mercury, Capt.

Baltour, left here yesterday morning for Anoy.

The Shanghai Mercury of the 25th April says—
"There was a rumour going about town to-
day that H.H.H. the Casarwicz came up to Shanghaiyesterday afternoon and stayed several hours
here, the greater part of which was spent at theFrench Hotel, in company with Mr. Klenow, the
Russian Charge d'Affaires."According to a Shanghai paper the tea season
at Hankow will open shortly. It is predicted

that this year's crop will be of an exceptionally

The annual birth-rate for the British and

Foreign community last year was 15.22 and the

death rate 17.15, for the Chinese community

2.22 and 2.25 respectively, and for the whole

population 8.14 and 8.90.

The annual meeting of shareholders of St. John's

Cathedral was held in the vestry of the

Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. M. Price

was president, and Mr. J. M. Price was president.

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beginning of the year 1893 was 134,000, which

gives an average of 35,000 per annum. Hon. J. M. Price

in his report dated 1st November 1893, placed the

daily flow during the month of December, Oc-

tober and March at 150,000 gallons. Mr. James

Drummond in his paper read before the

Legislative Council on 11th December 1893, placed the

daily flow during the month of December, Oc-

